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In re the Application of:

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For: GENES OF CAROTENOID BIOSYNTHESIS AND METABOLISM AND
METHODS OF USE THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 18, 2001

Sir:

Prior to [calculation of the filing fees and] initial examination of the application,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before Line 1, page 1 insert

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a National Stage entry of International Application No.
PCT/US99/12121, filed June 2, 1999, the entire specification claims and drawings of
which are incorporated herewith by reference. --